

In the Specification

On page 10, line 4, after the phrase—the group of— please insert the phrase  
“chemical precursors to”; and

On page 10, line 4, please delete the word –possessing– and substitute therefor  
“which, upon cure, possess”

In the Claims

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

*SA 5/2* 8. (Twice Amended) A composition for use as a water-resistant coating comprising:  
a superabsorbent water-soluble polymer precursor; and  
a binder selected from a group consisting of polyester, urethane, epoxy, latex and mixtures thereof and is cured to form a superabsorbent polymer.

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action of April 29, 2002. In response the Applicants amend the Specification to clarify what is meant by a chemical precursor to a water-soluble polyacrylate and thus clarify the claims to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Applicants also amend claim 8 to clarify that which Applicants